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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement of Hirata, K. in the above-identified patent application.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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S I R:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated February 1, 2005. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

ELECTION OF CLAIMS

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested an election of claims pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §§121 and 372 between Group I - Claims 6-20 and Group II - Claims 1-5.

In response, Applicant hereby elects Group II - Claims 1-5 for further examination.

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